

ABSTRACT

WA-II-043

19th Century

Log Cabin near C & O Canal

Sharpsburg Vicinity

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# DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY - C&O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

**PARK NAME, STATE:** Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Maryland

**STRUCTURE NAME(S):** Rev. John A. Adams Property, Area II

**Other Names:** (George Burgan Property)  
(Charles D. Long Property)

**LOCATION Street Address:** Miller's Saw Mill Road, mile 70.02

**Town/City:** Antietam

**County:** Washington

**CATEGORY:** District\_\_\_ Building(s) X Structure\_\_\_ Site\_\_\_ Object\_\_\_

**DATE CONSTRUCTED:** Mid 19th century

**IDLCS:** 47521 and 49990

**INVENTORY #:** WA-II-043 (Log Cabin only)

## SIGNIFICANCE

National X

State & Regional \_\_\_

Local \_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA:** A X B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_

This property was part of an estate owned by Reverend John Alexander Adams that was comprised of 177 1/2 acres. Adams acquired the estate from his wife, Mary Anna, the widow of Archibald Ritchie from whom she inherited the property in 1828. Adams and Mary Anna were married in 1832, and in 1856 Adams acquired sole possession of the estate. In 1881 the entire estate was sold to George Burgan as a result of a ruling in a court case that accused Adams of fraudulently obtaining the property from his wife. A January 1879 plat map filed with the records of the court case, recorded that the property contained two tenant houses and two mansion houses. The log cabin is most likely one of the tenant houses. The property was sold by Daniel Burgan to Charles F. Drenner in 1894, and it was owned by members of the Drenner family until 1940. The property was later sold to Charles D. Long and Marian L. Long from Martha Ruth Batt by deed dated September 15, 1969. The property was bordered on the west side by the C&O Canal, and although it was not associated with the canal, it was part of the historic scene of the canal.

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## DESCRIPTION

The property is developed by a log cabin, bank barn, and three outbuildings. The log cabin and barn are contributing parts of the historic scene; the three outbuildings are non-contributing structures. The log cabin is described in survey form WA-II-043. The barn is a small frame bank barn with a gable roof and a three-sided stone foundation. The barn dates from at least the end of the nineteenth century, for the floor joists for the second floor are hand hewn timbers.

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**Date:** 13 June 1994

## National Park Service, NCR, Recommendation:

Individually Eligible\_\_\_ Contributes to C&O Canal National Historic District X

Contributes to Antietam Iron Furnace Historic District\_\_\_ Ineligible\_\_\_

## State Historic Preservation Officer:

Concur X Do Not Concur\_\_\_

See "Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Conococheague District, List of Eligible Structures" for concurrence signature.)

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log Cabin near C &amp; O Canal

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West of Canal Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Not In Use.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

C &amp; O Canal National Park

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 158

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21782

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 558

Folio #: 843

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED > 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This small log structure is located west of Canal Road northwest of the village of Antietam at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Park south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland.

Situated on level ground it is a one story cabin which may have been at one time used as a dwelling, set on low fieldstone foundations, its walls are constructed of round logs which are joined with V-notching at the corners. Mud and hair chinking surrounds nogging of wood chips and small sawed boards. Window and door openings have been reworked and the roof has been replaced. The roof ridge is supported by a log similar to those used to construct the walls. This log rests on a short cross beam which is notched to rest in turn upon two more logs which span the space between the end walls. Stonework appearing to be old foundations extends from the building and suggests the presence at one time of an attached structure. The original use and construction date of this building are not known at the present time. It appears to be in deteriorated to fair condition and stands on a four acre tract owned by the National Park Service.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small undated cabin with exposed log construction is significant for its architecture as an example of a prominent building tradition in Washington County. Logs were used extensively for construction purposes from the earliest days of settlement in the first half of the 18th century through the 19th century. Many log structures remaining in the County are still in use although most are sheathed with various forms of siding or bricks. Unlike most log buildings in Washington County which display squared, hewn logs, this structure was made of round logs from which the bark was stripped.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

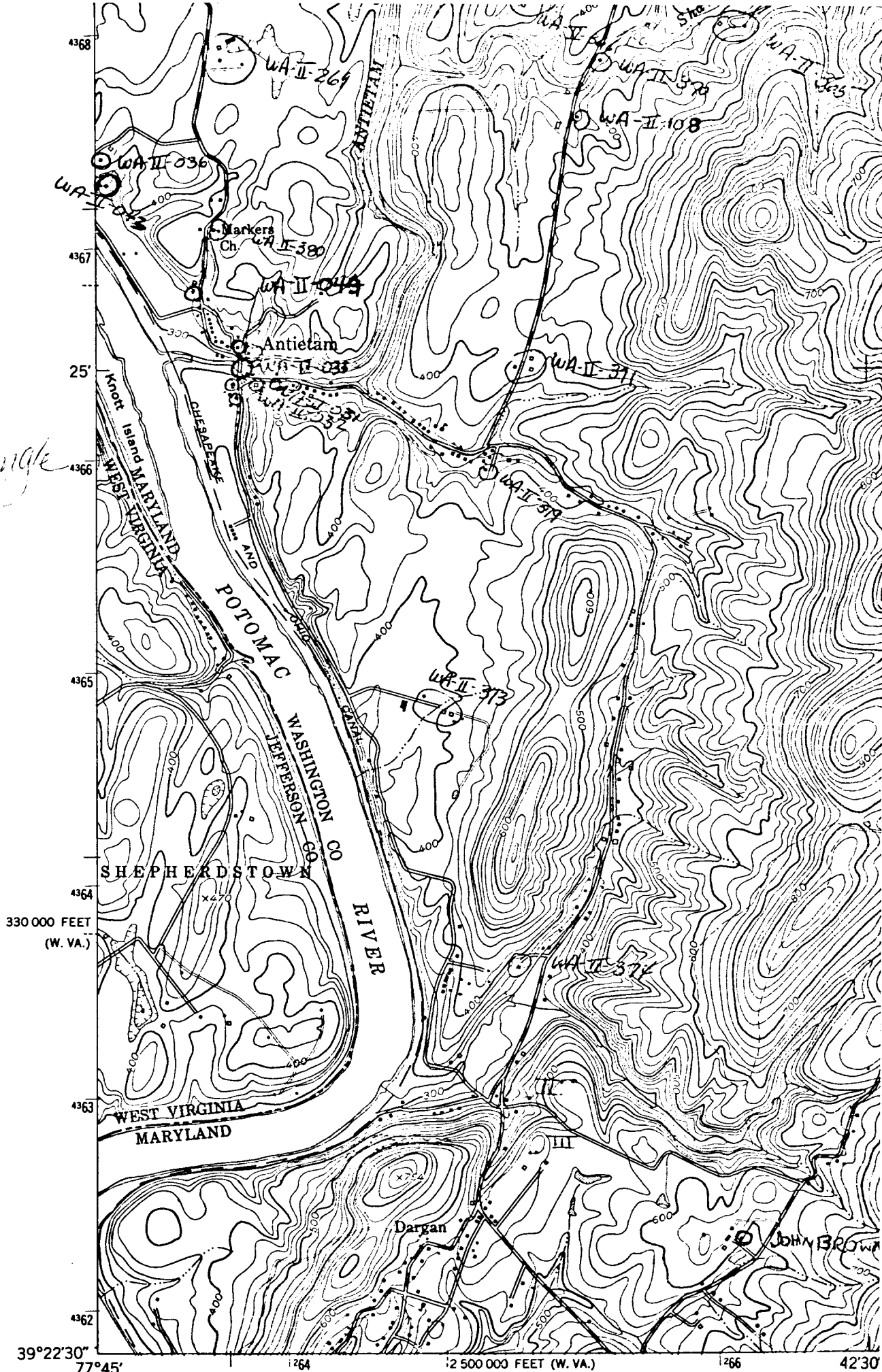
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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